

House Resolution No. 762

Whereas, Marion G. Eisen of St. Louis, Missouri, has been nominated to receive the prestigious DeVerne Lee Calloway Award, a tremendous accolade given annually by the Women Legislators of Missouri in honor of Missouri's first African-American woman state representative; and

Whereas, the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award is presented to a Missouri woman who, through her commitment and determination, has made major contributions to equality and social justice by furthering legislation concerning equal opportunities for all Missourians in the areas of education, housing, employment, etc.; and

Whereas, an experienced attorney, educator, and community developer who has more than twenty-four years of sophisticated problem-solving experience in a variety of professional and community-based settings, Marion Eisen has coordinated complicated civil and criminal litigation at the local, state, and federal levels, and has argued her clients' cause in the courtroom and before administrative tribunals; and

Whereas, a former high school teacher with the St. Louis Public Schools, Marion Eisen led the reform of the system of criminal child abuse prosecutions while forming a working-group of diverse professionals and new relationships to support the implementation process, and was appointed the first Special Prosecutor of Child Abuse for the City of St. Louis in 1977; and

Whereas, the Assistant Attorney General for the State of Missouri from 1983 to 1989, Marion Eisen led challenging economic development projects for the St. Louis Development Corporation as a member of the cabinet of Mayor Freeman Bosley, and provided public policy leadership on regional transportation issues as a Commissioner of the BiState Development Agency; and

Whereas, a 1974 graduate of the Saint Louis University School of Law, Marion Eisen is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with such important organizations as the Afterschool Alliance, St. Louis Film Office, Theatre Project Company, St. Louis Child Abuse Network, St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, New City School, and the Greater St. Louis Police Academy, just to name a few; and

Whereas, currently serving as the coordinator of the statewide Missouri Afterschool Initiative, Marion Eisen is the proud recipient of several awards and honors including the 2001-2002 Afterschool Alliance Grateful Recognition of Outstanding Service, the 1998 BiState Development Agency Award of Merit, and the 1978 Circuit Attorney Special Recognition for Professional Achievement:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Marion Eisen upon her well-deserved nomination for the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Marion G. Eisen.

Offered by _____
Representative Marilyn Ruestman
District No. 131

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 762, adopted March 10, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker